

MALAXIS CONFUSA,  
A NEW COMBINATION

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**Malaxis confusa** (*Cogn.*) *C. Schweinfurth* comb.  
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*Microstylis confusa* Cogniaux in *Urban Symb. Antill.* 6 (1909) 370.

The above combination has apparently not been made.

In the Gray Herbarium is a sheet (No. 2816) bearing two plants. One of them, *C. Wright 614* (*Plantae Cubenses Wrightianae* 1856-7, in *Cuba Orientali*) is the type number of *Microstylis confusa*. This specimen is an old one and bears on the summit of the rachis the remnants of a mature flower on a swollen ovary. It differs from the type description in having a floral bract up to 7 mm. long, not 1.5-2 mm. long as cited for *Microstylis confusa*.

The other (left-hand) plant is a good specimen bearing a raceme of flowers and buds. Its larger leaf is only 8.5 cm. long. A flower from this specimen shows further differences. Its dorsal and lateral sepals are both about 2 mm. wide. The lip is oblong-ovate, submembranaceous and scarcely exceeds 3 mm. in width. Furthermore, the following color-notes are given: "Sep. & pet. light greenish Lip dull reddish-green turning to orange. . . . Potosi Monte Toro Oct 11". A second label reads: "Plantae Cubenses Wrightianae" and bears the legend, presumably in Grisebach's writing, "= 614 which had no. fl." and also, in print, "Coll. C. Wright 1860--1864".